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Board extends day parole for Pratt

BY JOSH SKAPIN

The National Parole Board (NPB) granted former Didsbury resident Allan Charles Pratt a six-month extension of day parole during a pre-release hearing Jan. 18. Pratt, 52, is serving a life sentence for second degree mur-

der committed while on an unescorted temporary absence permit Apr. 9, 1979.

In addition to murder, his criminal record includes convic-tions for robbery, weapons and property related offences. RCMP alerted the public that Pratt was being released on a 12-hour unescorted temporary absence permit to visit his family in Didsbury Feb. 9, 2006.

This announcement sparked outrage in the community, with many residents printing posters warning others about Pratt coming to town.

The decision was later rescinded.

Pratt, who was initially granted pre-release in July, will be serving his second six-month term of day parole.

All three board members, Linda Klein, Wilton Goodstriker, and Marlene Choma voted in favour of Pratt continuing day

According to the NPB, day parole is defined as a form of conditional release, which allows some offenders to serve part of their sentence in the community under supervision

The NPB also believes that day parole prepares an offend-

the offender to participate in community-based activities.

Included in the NPB's decision are three special conditions that Pratt must abide by while on day parole, which include: following psychiatric treatment and counselling and his medication regime, abstaining from the use of alcohol, abstaining from the use of drugs other than prescribed med-

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NATIONAL PAROLE BOARD

The board said the conditions are considered necessary and reasonable for the management of Pratt's risk.

"Your behaviour since you began a proper treatment

regime, including medication, has been appropriate," said the board during the hearing.

ty at risk. There have been indications of substance abuse in your file; therefore the board believes you require conditions to abstain from drug and alcohol use for the protection of

The board says, they have determined that Pratt has been meeting his day parole expectations, in addition to following halfway house rules and regulations.

"You are learning to adapt to life in the community," said the board, citing bus routes, the use of a cellphone, and going shopping as examples. "But you have not yet acquired employment.

"While you are optimistic about finding employment, your parole officer feels that interim time can be spent learning about computers and budgeting.

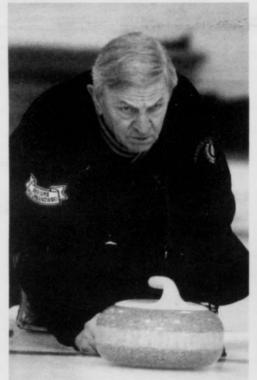
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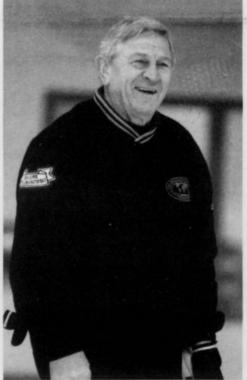
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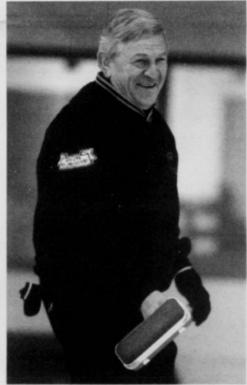
The board said Pratt's current program is considered ade quate to manage his overall risk to re-offend.

Pratt meets regularly with a psychiatrist, mental health nurse, a Correctional Service of Canada (CSC) social worker e with reintegration, and an employment coordinator with the CSC for assistance with acquiring employ-

He also sees members of his church and Schizophrenic Society for support.







CURL THAT LIP - There is no need to be so serious, the win was in the bag for Ron Urbanowski's rink during the Didsbury Seniors Bonspiel held in Didsbury last week. The Urbanowski Rink rocked ng the "A" championship.



Brown winter pushes back Rosebud Run

Organizers remain optimistic

"It's a

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It's like

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BILL WINDSOR

BY JOSH SKAPIN Didsbury Review

The Rosebud Run Sleddog Classic hosted by the Didsbury and District Chamber of Commerce, has been officially rescheduled.

Due to a lack of snow, it was determined by organizers that the popular annual Didsbury event is unable to run for its originally scheduled time slot Jan 26 and 27

According to spokesperson for the race Bill Windsor, the new dates for the race are Feb. 23 and 24.

If snow still doesn't fall y the end of February, other possible dates include March 1 and 2, and March 8 and 9.

Initially, organizers aimed for March 1 and 2 as the next best time to hold the event, but Windsor says it was important to not skip what could be a succes ful weekend for the race.

Which, Windsor says was a lesson organizers arned from last when they overshot their postponement date.

As it turned out, the weekend before was our best trail," said Windsor.

"We don't want to have that happen

Windsor says rescheduling the event takes a significant amount of work "It's a huge job," he said.

"It's like starting all over again."

Particularly difficult is the effect rescheduling has on volunteers, said Windsor, adding that patience from volunteers, who now have to rearrange their personal schedules is appreciated.

The chamber says more than 100 volunteers are involved with the event, including

shuttle drivers, caterers, race marshalls, the trail boss, souvenir sales, and photographers

While cancelling the event may some times seem to be a more convenient possibility, Windsor says it's important to maintain the race in

Didsbury, no matter how many postponements it

"If we miss a year, that puts some doubt in the minds of the mushers in terms of the commit-ment."

Windsor says a series of postponements comes with the territory of planning a sleddog race in a region where chinooks

Particularly difficult to ontend with is Central Alberta's growing frequency of brown winters "If you would have told

me four years ago that there would be no snow in January, I would have told you that you needed to be institutionalized," he said.

However, Windsor says he feels good

about this year's event.

"I'm still optimistic. I think we'll have the races and they'll be terrific."

Local family says son not a poacher

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BY JOANNA BEZJACK

Owen and Jean Francis of Carstairs are hurt and outraged that their son John Hugh Francis has been labelled a poacher by the Didsbury Provincial

Francis, who was found guilty of a licence charge and a hunting tag charge after failing to affix a hunting tag, was fined a total of \$4,600 after shooting an elk west of Sundre in November.

Fish and Wildlife officers who attend-ed the scene after receiving a call that a hunter had been shooting into a herd of elk northwest of Sundre, say that they saw the accused dragging a dead elk out of the bush and that a hunting tag had not been attached.

Commissioner Allen Fay suspend-ed Francis' licence for two years and said that although Francis had a hunt ing licence, the the ooting took place

after hours, making his licence invalid. However, Francis' parents say that the charges are unfair and that the only reason Francis shot the elk after hours was because it was injured.

I was with my son when he shot and wounded the elk during regulation time," says Owen Francis. "My son has time. valid licence and did not intend to hunt without one, but when he found the elk it was still alive and like all other responsible hunters, he shot the elk again so that it wouldn't suffer."

Owen says that the second shot fired by Francis was only eight or ten minutes after regulation time

"My son did not plead guilty to hunting without a licence, he pleaded guilty to hunting after dark and for failing to tag the game right away," says Owen. "We don't think that he should be labelled as a poacher."

Owen and Jean Francis cite that the Alberta Hunting Regulations state that there is a moral obligation to pursue wounded game and a legal requirement game ensure retrieved and not

wasted.

OWEN FRANCIS

"He was only doing what he felt was right," says Owen.

AUC

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On January 1, 2008, the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) became the cornerstone of Alberta's regulatory framework for an expanding utilities sector.

The AUC emerged from the realignment of the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board, and appears at a time when Alberta's infrastructure needs grow in step with the province's fast-paced economy.

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1-10 – A blue half-ton truck drove over a patch of ice, causing the driver to lose control of the vehicle and hit a nearby ditch, just north of Carstairs on Hwy. 2.

Police briefs

BY JOSH SKAPIN

e briefs in Didsbury. Police attended but determined no bylaws were being violated.

1-14 - Police were told a Greyhound bus

wood in a back alley

had stopped on the shoulder of the southbound lane on Hwy.2 The complainant believed the bus was causing a traffic hazard. When police arrived, they found the bus was parked safely out of the way.

1-14 – Report of theft from the golf course in Carstairs. A compressor was taken from a truck parked nearby.

1-14 – Report of driving someone a yellow sports car at a high speed down 14th street in Didsbury. The vehicle was located and the driver was spoken to be a member of the police.

1-16 – RCMP received a complaint that someone in an older mini van possibly tried to strike a man on a ladder at a gas station in Didsbury. Whether the act was intentional or accidental is undetermined.

1-16 – An RCMP officer performed a routine traffic stop in Carstairs, where the driver was found to have multiple outstanding warrants.

1-17 – Report of a semi truck and trailer travelling southbound on Hwy.2, losing two of its wheels and almost striking another motorist. No marker was obtained by the complainant and only a vague description of the subject vehicle was provided. The RCMP made patrols along the highway but found no loose tires.

1-17 – A large piece of lumber was found in the northbound lane of Hwy. 2.

The complainant believed it was a significant traffic hazard. A member attended and removed the debris from the road.

No serious injuries were reported.

1-10 – Report of two people smoking marijuana outside a residence in Didsbury.

1-11 —Reports of items being taken from unlocked cars in Carstairs.
Police advise the public to make sure their

Police advise the public to make sure their vehicles are locked and that valuables are not left visible inside the vehicle.

1-11 - Report of a vehicle failing to stop for a stop sign in Didsbury.

1-12 – Report of a stolen wallet from a school in Carstairs.

1-12 – Complaint of an individual threatening to visit a bar in Carstairs with a baseball bat. No charges came from the incident.

1-12 – A man walking his dog in Carstairs says he heard someone calling for help in a nearby field. The man, and RCMP officers searched the field and surrounding area looking for suspicious behavior. However, nothing was found and police believe the incident was a prank.

1-12 –A man attended the detachment to report his cottage had been broken into.

1-13 – Report of a white Chevrolet truck failing to stop at a stop sign and nearly causing a collision on Hwy. 766.

1-13 – Report of uttering threats in Didsbury. Police say the dispute was related to moneys owed for babysitting services.

1-13 - Complaint of an individual burning

RCMP routine traffic stop results in pot bust

BY JOSH SKAPIN

Didsbury Review

A Didsbury RCMP officer was conducting a routine traffic stop, when he found

two pounds of cannabis marijuana, last week.

Cst. Robert Kavanaugh pulled over a Dodge Neon travelling on Hwy.22 just north of Cremona.

While speaking with the driver of the vehicle, Kavanaugh noticed the smell of marijuana and decided to conduct a search of the vehicle.

Upon running a check on both occupants of the vehicle, police found 23year-old John Vickers of Calgary had outstanding warrants for his arrest.

Vickers, and the other occupant of the vehicle Britney Boyce, 20, were both charged with one count each of possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking.

Police found a small amount of marijuana inside the cab of the vehicle and a larger portion in the trunk, both stored in Baggies and totalling two pounds in weight.

Police also retrieved \$3,510 in cash from the vehicle.

Cst. Robert Newton says the seized cash will be passed on to a proceeds of crime investigation.



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The Didsbury Curling Club will be hosting their annual Ladies Bonspiel on February 1st - 3rd, 2008
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Opinion

New party could spell trouble for Tories

BY DAN SINGLETON Didsbury Review

Alberta's newest right-wing political party, the Wildrose Alliance Party, has a long way to got before it can realistically expect to challenge for power in Alberta.

In fact, the new party, formed last weekend through the merger of the Alberta Alliance and the Wildrose Party, may go the way of other upstart parties in the past, making a blip on the political landscape before fading into history.

Yet whether the new party is here and gone or here to stay, it probably does pose an immediate threat to the Stelmach Tories' hold on at least some rural seats.

"There's 200,000 plus Albertans disgruntled last time (last election) that wouldn't even hold their nose to vote," said leader Paul Hinman. "We're going after those Albertans that know we need a change."

The emergence of the new party probably couldn't have come at a worse time for Ed Stelmach, as he gets ready to seek his first public mandate, more than a year after becoming premier.

Not only does he now have to face Wildrose Alliance candidates grabbing at his party's conservative support, he is also facing a concerted attack from the left-wing in the form of new TV

A group calling itself Albertans for Change is running three ads, each saying the Tories have done a very poor job managing the province's growth over the past year.

"Ed Stelmach, no plan, no way," the announcer says in one ad. "Can Albertans expect progress? Don't plan on it."

Albertans for Change is a coalition led by the Alberta Federation of Labour and the building trades. It has no connection to any political party.

Make no mistake, over the past year Stelmach and his ministers have given the opposition parties and other critics plenty of ammunition.

For example, revelations that the Tories may have lost billions of taxpayers' dollars through gross mismanagement of the resource revenue system have lead to widespread public criticism.

The opposition Liberals and NDP have both been very vocal in calling for heads to roll over the way Ralph Klein, Ed Stelmach and all their fellow Tory cabinet ministers have been handling the oil and gas revenue issue.

Meanwhile, the Wildrose Alliance says it will be running candidates in all 83 ridings. With the launch of a provincial election race possibly only weeks away, the party may have its hands full trying to gather that many candidates.

Yet compared with the troubles now facing Ed Stelmach and his ministers, Paul Hinman and his new party should have a pretty easy ride, at least in the short term.

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NN HILLARY: I TOLD HIM TO STAY HOME - BUT HE WOULDN'T LIST

ANDREW WILD

There is something about the recent passing of Sir Edmund Hillary that has really struck a chord.

Personally, I'm not much of a mountain climber despite an upbringing in British Columbia that surrounded me with many tempting spires. And I have to admit that Jon Krakauer's book Into Thin Air, although riveting from cover to cover, left me with a sense of dread regarding the sport of mountaineering and a real sense of sadness about what the pursuit of the planet's highest peak had become.

Instead I've been left to ponder that the passing of the last true great adventurer may have in fact occurred.

Obviously he'll be most remembered for his conquest on May 29, 1953 of Mount Everest along with Sherpa mountaineer Tenzing Norgay.

Lesser known or maybe more easily forgotten was the fact that he accomplished so much more including being the leader in 1958 of the third-ever expedition to reach the south pole and the first to do so with motorized vehicles.

In 1985 he became the first person to stand at

Commentary

Hillary's passing marks end of era

both poles and on the summit of Everest when he accompanied Neil Armstrong (somewhat of a pioneer himself) on a flight to the north pole that landed on the most northern geographic destination.

I'm sure had the offer been made, he'd have gladly descended to the bottom of the Mariana Trench.

The point of this isn't simply to rehash facts about the man's life that are easily found in any Google search, but more to laud the spirit of an individual who despite all he did reportedly maintained an honesty, humility and sense of integrity that would be rare among any modern, self-proclaimed adventurer.

I suppose that's what I'm mourning, an individual who did amazing things but unlike so many of his modern peers today did little of it for personal or financial

In an age of multi-million dollar athletes and train-wrecks disguised as celebrities, it was heartening to know that individuals with principles still make an impact. But one has to ponder

But one has to ponder the end of an era, where individuals set about tasks like climbing the world's highest mountain simply for the challenge of doing so, rather than with the hopes of fame and fortune beckoning. Now, I'm not speaking specifically about mountaineering itself, although the commercialization of Everest was something Hillary decried right through the final years of his life.

Back in the day, adventurers like Hillary may have been motivated by whatever limited fame they could achieve, but I'm more apt to believe that they undertook such tasks simply because "it was there" Equally admirable of the late Sir Edmund was his longstanding commitment to the Himalayan region. He devoted numerous hours and countless resources to seeing that quality of life for the people in that region improved.

for the people in that region improved.

In fact, it was during the building of a hospital in Nepal in 1975 that his first wife and his daughter were killed in a plane crash. Yet, despite the tragedy he remained very connected to the Himalayan area and even visited Kathmandu just last year.

To be fair, there are thousands of principled people in all sorts of adventure niches. My hope is that during this time of reflection on one of the planet's most interesting characters, everyone approaches their endeavours with a little more zeal and with less trepidation about personal consequences.

Maybe that's why I was

Maybe that's why I was so drawn to the news of Hillary's passing. As sad as it was to realize that loss of such an admirable character, I take heart in knowing that lessons learned from the way he conducted himself in the public eye will be as timeless as the conquest for which he will be eternally remembered.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS & NOTICES

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Tuesday, January 29 and Feb. 19, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Council Chambers

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Wednesday, February 6, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. Council Chambers

DIDSBURY LIFELINE SOCIETY:

Monday, March 10, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. Council Chambers

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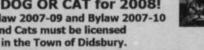
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DP 162-07	26 Sandpiper Drive	% Duplex with Secondary Suite with waivers and conditions	R2
DP 163-07	30 Sandpiper Drive	% Duplex with Secondary Suite with waivers and conditions	R2
DP 04-08	1191 Kildeer Close	Single Family Dwelling with conditions	R2

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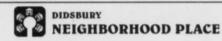
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- dren aged 10-12 years and younger sibling, 8-9 years. Feb. 2 to March 2, 2008. Cost is \$35 + gst for older child and \$20 + gst for younger sibling. 335-8719 for more info.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

2008-10 Business Plan and 2008 Budget for the Town of Didsbury

When: February 26, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Where: Didsbury Town Office - Council Chambers

This session is open to the public to observe and listen to Council discussions and hear the presentation of business plans and budgets for all municipal departments and Council.

For further information or any questions, please contact Sam Smalldon, Chief Financial Officer at 335-7359 or by email at ssmalldon@didsbury.ca.

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Rollout Cart Schedule February 2008

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Town of Didsbury Public Works Department would like to thank everyone who contributed so generously to our fundraiser for the HOPE foundation. We were able to raise \$1100 in Chris Pieper's memory.

EINGEDE OASIS - Kathie Vance, field educator, leads a trek through the Eingede Oasis in the Judean Hills of Isreal. The Eingede where King David wrote most of his Psalms

Two decades in Jerusalem

BY JOSH SKAPIN

Curiosity and a sense of adventure can be a funny

It's three months after the launch of the Gulf War, and Kathie Vance, along with a group of her fellow stu-dents are stepping off a plane in Tel Aviv Israel.

As she takes her first step on Middle Eastern soil, Vance, Alberta born and raised, can't help but be taken

"The humidity is astounding," she recalls.

"It's like you're breathing under water."

But as she remembers, much of her early introduction to Israel caught her off guard.

"It was like landing on the moon and discovering that there's western culture there."

Her stay in Israel was supposed to be temporary ut Vance, motivated by local family commitment didn't trade her Jerusalem address for a Didsbury P.O. box until this year.

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A Didsbury woman's compelling life in the Middle East

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page
It was a romance with the country that caught Vance by surprise.

"Once you fall in love with it, forget it, you're there for life," she said.

As she speaks about Israel, Vance reveals an intimate knowledge of the nation.

And for good reason her time in the country that spanned two decades was not as a wide-eyed tourist, but as a student and eventually an expert.

She was a licensed field educator; a position that Vance says is incomparable to any profession in the western workforce.

"It's kind of like a tour guide with a PhD," she

...you basically have to be an expert of everything in Israel and Middle East related, from the geology, to the geography to the history to the politics to the culture: foods, languages."

Vance was responsible for spending time with groups that were visiting Israel for a fixed amount of time.

She would host everyone from school groups, to large Jewish organiza-

"While they're there, they were mine," she said. "Israel is a textbook and we're going to learn it and have fun doing it."

Vance remembers one experience where she took a bus full of high school students to the desert. They had been reading about the dessert, but never had the opportunity to see it live.

With blinds pulled down on the windows of the bus, Vance made sure nobody took an early peak.

She marched them out of the bus, with hands

covering their eyes.
Blindfolded, Vance told the students about the desert.

That's where the people of Israel really formed into a nation, in the desert," she said, teaching them about the place where the Ten Commandments were formed and where Moses

once wandered.
"I had them had them remove their hands, and some of them were crying," she

"It's so beautiful, so magnificent."

She took almost 11 years of post-secondary education and 48 hours of exams to land the job.

For someone to not be born Israeli and obtain the licence is almost unheard of.

During time of the Israeli-Lebanese war two summers ago, Vance was in possession of a group of American high school students.

They were on a three-ay road trip, when scheduled stops started to be an issue.

After cancellation due destruction from attacks, Vance was sure that Nazareth would be a

safe stop for the visitors. "Hezbollah didn't have rockets that could go that far, so I thought," she

The night before their visit, an opposition attack pounded Nazareth.

"The next morning, cancelled everything and we went to the zoo."

During the war versus

But Vance has never been someone that remains static.

She looks at experiences as opportunities. And while growing up in Calgary, Vance, as a youth, played an instru-mental role in launching the Mustard Seed Street Ministry.

"Nobody anticipated what was going to come

"Twenty years there is like 50 years anywhere else. It almost seems like time slows down, because every day and every week is full of something."

KATHIE VANCE

Lebanon, which mainly attacks involved Israel's northern regions, citizens fled to Jerusalem.

Vance remembers how busy Jerusalem became, and how, ironically during a time of war, people never seemed more free.

"I was in the middle of a war time, and wonderful time and having a

Days in Israel have a different feel than what she experiences in Canada.

"There's never a dull moment," she said.

"Twenty years there is like 50 years anywhere else. It almost seems like time slows down, because every day and every week is full of something

Vance says significant events that happen one month, are a distant memory only a short while

of it," she said.

"We thought maybe it would be a small organization that would have a little impact on the community.

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further from the truth.

The Mustard Seed offers meals to an average of 800 people every day, also offering emergency housing for 82 people in step-up housing for 22 longer term transitional housing for 26 people.

It began as a huddle of young people with big

She remembers the group as ranging in age from 14 to 24.

Vance, like many teens, had the mindset that she was unstoppable.

"You have it in your mind that you can do anything in the world you want," she said.

"The younger you are the stronger that ideal is...we were looking at starting an organization that was impossible."

Whenever Vance has come back to Canada, she's dropped by the Mustard Seed to greet some of the many people she bonded with during the growth of the project.

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Pursuant to Section 72 of the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, any person who is directly affected by this operation may submit a written statement of concern regarding this application. Failure to file a statement of concern may affect the right to file a notice of objection (on appeal) with the Environmental Appeal Board. Such a statement of concern must be submitted to:

Director of Southern Region Alberta Environment Regulatory Approvals Center Main Floor, 9820 - 106 Street Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2J6

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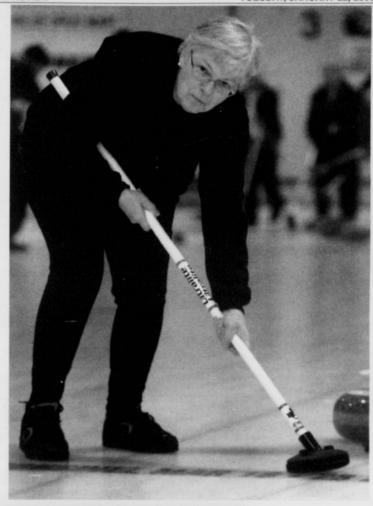
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Copies of the approval application can be obtained from:

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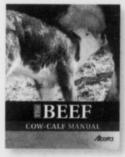
 Dianna Levagood keeps her eye on the house as she sweeps a rock home.
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Elks playdowns come to Didsbury

BY JOSH SKAPIN Didsbury Review

The Didsbury Curling Club will be kept busy this week with a major event coming to town Jan. 25-27.

Didsbury is the home of the 2008 Alberta Elks and Royal Purple provincial playdowns.

According to the Didsbury Elks, 26 rinks and just over 100 competitors will be arriving in town this week.

This will be the first time the playdowns will be hosted in Didsbury.

"It'll be a good showcase for the town and a good showcase for the rink we have here in Didsbury," said Curtis Mousseau of the Elks.

The event will feature four categories; men's, master's, senior's, and mixed – with Didsbury having representation in mens and mixed

Typically, the event is shared on a rotating basis amongst the Alberta Elks' four provincial zones.

But Mousseau said with the event not having a suitor, the Didsbury Elks were asked and quick to accept.

The opening ceremonies, which will involve mayor Brian Wittal, Mountain View County Reeve Al Kemmere, and multiple Elks dignitaries is being held Friday.



A Event - Murray Stringer, Murray Stringer, Rob Blaine, John Buyks, Mark Missikewitz took first place in the A event at the Didsbury Farm and Ranch Bonspiel last week

Winners of the 2008 Didsbury Farm and Ranch Bonspiel

First in the A Event sponsored by Parkland Agri Services - Rink -Murray Stringer: Murray Stringer, Rob Blaine, John Buyks, Mark Missikewitz – Didsbury Dollar

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First Rink out without a win: Miller McCoy – sponsored by JB Earth, Brian Braun Team Skills Challenge: Rick

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Second – Harry Reese, Stev Jacobsen, Rick Phillips, Jr. TIED Future Ag "Red Power Special" Winner - Lee Pochapsky

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Bretton Cameron tips a shot, while standing in front of the Brandon Wheat Kings goalkeeper. The Didsbury product is in his rookie season with the Medicine Hat Tigers.

Cameron shines with Tigers

BY JOSH SKAPIN Didsbury Review

It has taken a lot of work for Bretton Cameron to get

where he is today. But as he consciously consumes every detail of his journey - he knows it's far from over.

These days, the likeable Didsbury product spends some of his time doing what normal teenagers would do – but unlike typi-cal teens, Cameron's every move is being scrutinized.

Up in the press box, a band of scouts from across the National Hockey League (NHL) are preparing their respective teams for the upcoming amateur entry draft with in-depth notes on potential selec-

Cameron, a multi-purpose forward with the Western Hockey League's Medicine (WHL) Hat Tigers has a promising chance at being one of

Like other successful players in Cameron's age class, he knows he's under and says microscope, when he does think about the watchers, he uses it as a motivational tool.

"It's always in the back of your head that one scout could be watching that night," he said. You never know who's watching, and because of that you never want to take a night off. If you do, that guy has got in your head how you played that night. You want to leave them with a good

feeling about you."

Cameron's first full season in the WHL wasn't without hurdles.

off season surgery to correct a birth defect left Cameron behind schedule

in training camp. While the rest of the group was progressing through the stages of camp, Cameron needed to ease himself back into

playing condition, taking some extra time just work ing on skating before joining the fray.

But spot duty as a callup during last year's playoffs and Memorial Cup run was useful orientation for Cameron, getting his first look at not only life in the WHL, but league competition at its highest level.

"I've seen some really good players, who now have the chance to play in the NHL. I got to play and practice with them, and it gave me confidence going into this year.

I knew the guys going in and I knew (the organization) put time and effort into me," said Cameron of his confidence going into this year.

But like training camp, the start to the season was another uphill climb for Cameron.

Tigers' head coach Willie Desjardins didn't make him a regular, giving Cameron some nights up in the press box rather than with his mates.

But Desjardins, a WHL boss noted for developing future NHL players is sea soning Cameron, and the freshman forward knows

"He teaches you to never take a day off. Whether it's the morning skate, practice or in the game – every time you're at the rink you're improving," said Cameron of the coach that has paid special attention to improving his stick-handling and shot.

"He wants me to be a ayer, and I'm happy player, about that."

Like any player getting their feet wet in a new league, the anticipation behind scoring their first goal grows with every passing game. Cameron, who at every other level he's played at has been familiar with the back of the opposition's net, was no exception.

Cameron achieved the milestone on a night where he also assisted on a teammates first goal, in a victory over the Edmonton Oil Kings

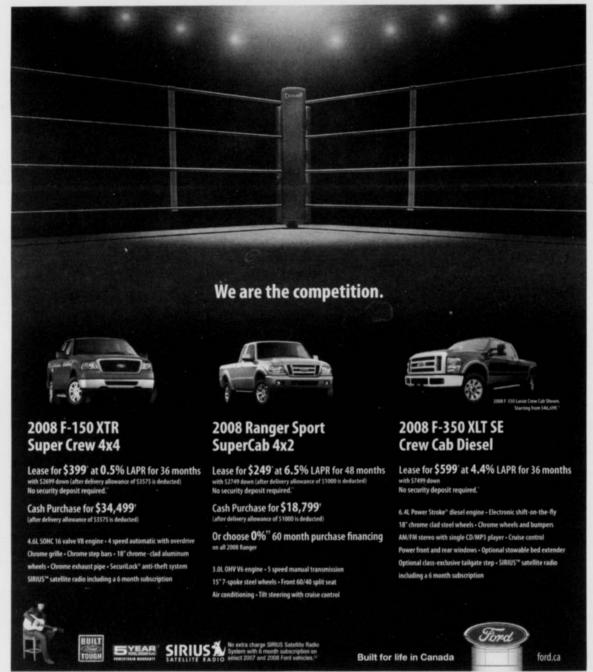
Working the penalty kill, a scenario he has seen plenty of this season, Cameron eludes an attack-er and using his quickness, finds himself alone on a breakaway.

"It was a great feeling," he said. "It took a little longer than I expected, but when it was all said and done it was a big accomplishment."

Since the start of the year, Cameron has seen time everywhere from the third line, to most recently, joining the club's top players on the number 1 line.

It's been a progression. and with the final half of the season underway, Cameron knows consisten-

cy is the key. His hope is that he continues to develop as a use-ful two-way player, and with his increasing com-fort level as a WHL player, his scoring knack will be unveiled.



In and Around Didsbury

Thursday, January 24

Everyone is welcome to ome to Eldon Foote Hall at the Train Station, doors open at 1:30 p.m. Margaret Baril from Pharmasave Drugstore will speak to all on "Know Medications' Refreshments will follow.

Friday, January

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Friday, January

Cribbage play starts at 7 p.m. at the 5-0 Centre. Everyone welcome to enjoy the cards and the coffee and goodies served.

Sunday, January

The family will enjoy the free swim by Remax from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Aquatic

Monday, January

The Alzheimer's Support Group will meet at Aspen Ridge Lodge from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sharon at 335-9848 or Dolina 335-7285 can give you

Wednesday, January 30

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February 1 - 3

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Saturday. February 2

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Saturday, February 2

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Sunday, February

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"It's due in no small part to the efforts of so many Didsburians over the years that the annual trade show is so successful," says Co-Chair Kathleen Windsor. "And the group of volunteers we have this year are so enthusiastic, it just makes working on this so much

Add booth bookings that are coming in every day to the mix, and you know this year's display of products and services will once again be a crowd pleaser. "We've already booked 60% of our booths," adds Windsor. "That's twice as many as we had at this time last year!"

The Trade Show kicks off at the Memorial Complex with the Front Porch Realty Pancake Breakfast on Saturday morning. Entertainment will be ongoing with country recording stars like Mark Lorenz on the Tanas Stage. Two "Walk in the Park" Bridal/Grad Fashion Stage. Two "Walk in the Park" Bridal/Grad Fashion Shows take place on Saturday, and the Wellspring Visual ArtNetwork's Art Show & Sale will be going on both days. The Topnote Music Fiddler's Jamboree will be returning on Sunday afternoon, with an entirely new, fresh setup, and models from our local stores (Fashions on Main, Optionelle, Potentials, and the Ulla-la Boutique) will be strutting their stuff on the stage Sunday afternoon. If you get hungry, you won't have to go any further than the AG Foods "Taste of Didsbury" food court, with meals prepared by Macy's Restaurant, Country Nook, Golden River Restaurant, and JD's Restaurant. Add in free swimming and tons and JD's Restaurant. Add in free swimming and tons of door prizes, and you'll be marking April 5th and 6th on your calendar for sure!

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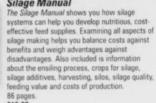
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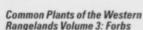
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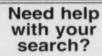
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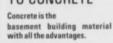
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Twins focused squarely on team goals

Two sets of identical twins on Spartans basketball team

BY ANDREW WILD Didsbury Review

It's all about the team.

That's the sentiment of the four players who make up the two sets of identical twins on the OHS Spartans bas-

Phil and Curtis Playfair along with Matthew and Michael Moritz acknowledge that it is unique to see two sets of twins on one team.

However, any individual, or dual, noteriety is secondary to the success of the Spartans and the realization of a team goal - a spot in the 3A provincials.

"We would like to get a provincial championship at the most but even making zones would be good because that's a goal that we can get," explained Matthew, a 6-foot-3 post player.

The Spartans' task would be simpler if they were in any other zone than the South Central where the landscape is littered with 3A powerhouses

Schools like Chestermere, Springbank, Holy Trinity of Okotoks, Highwood of High River and George McDougall of Airdrie all have provincial pedigree and will have to be overtaken for OHS to land a spot in the provincial tournament in Airdrie this March.

We want to be in the top five (in our zone) because you don't have to play another game, you're automatically in zones," said Curtis, a lightning-quick guard who along with his brother form two-thirds of a backcourt combination for the Spartans.

But we want to be the top ranked team," he added.

So far the team has realized mixed success against teams in their zone. They recently beat Holy Trinity and Cochrane but had a less successful outing against Chestermere.

For the Spartans to beat these teams the brothers feel they have to execute their game plan and get other teams to play at a high tempo, something suited to the smaller but quicker OHS team.

"If we don't pressure the whole game we fall apart, so we got to keep pressing, pressing and pressing some more to turn the ball over because we get a lot of our points that way," offered Phil.

Even the bigger players on the Spartans want to play the fast-paced tempo where they wear down the opposition and use their speed to advantage.

"We try to keep it at a fast pace and not slow down into a set-up, half court game," said Michael, who at 6-foot-2

stands an inch shorter than his brother. However, regardless of the style of game the familiarity of the brother combinations helps out in certain situa-

According to both the Playfair brothers, the fact that they bring the same skillset to the court is something coach Brad Clapp can use to an advantage.

"It doesn't matter who does what because we've got



DOUBLE TEAM TIMES TWO - The Olds Spartans have their opposition seeing doubles on the basketball courts with two of twins Curtis Playfair, Matthew and Michael Moritz and Phillip Playfair who are part of this year's powerhouse team.

essentially the same dribbling skills," said Curtis. "No matter who does what it doesn't hurt the team, which is

That ability to handle the ball in the open court and in a half-court offence is something the brothers didn't nec sarily work on over the years.

"I think dribbling just came naturally to us," added Curtis. "It's not something we really worked on."

However, they still work on refining their games whenever they get some extra time on the court. For the other half of the duo, that is something that being brothers can really help with.

We can work on our individual games a lot when we're by ourselves," said Phil. "And that way we can help each

It's a similar dynamic for the Moritz brothers. Like any good brother combination they use a friendly internal competition to improve on the court.

That can pay off during game time, according to

We know what each other likes to do and where the other one will be so we try to use that," he explained

While none of the four could remember having to take a foul on the stat sheet on behalf of his sibling at least one suggested they may have lost points scored and seen it credited to his brother.

Yeah, probably," joked Michael.

However Phil was quick to point out that it does work both ways, recounting an instance where his brother commited a hard foul on an opponent in front of a partisan

"After that every time Curtis got the ball they'd yell 'boooo' and then when I got the ball they also yelled 'boooo'," he explained."

Opponents have occassionally mixed them up in manmarking assignments but they admit to also mixing up their own assignments from time to time.

"We do it to each other and it sometimes screws us up." added Phil.

For coach Clapp, any occassional slip in identifying the brothers is far outweighed by what they bring to the

He said their skills and passion for the game add to the

natural leadership ability they all bring to the gym.

"They are great kids and really good students," said Clapp, adding that he wasn't surprised that they preferred

to talk about the team rather than themselves.

The entire team will be putting themselves to the test

this weekend when they host the annual Spartan Classic. Among the schools coming are Holy Trinity, Lindsay Thurber from Red Deer, Lloydminster, Brooks, Prairie High from Three Hills, R.F. Staples of Westlock and anmore Collegiate.

The Spartans enter the weekend ranked seventh in the province in the Alberta Schools Athletic Association's 3A rankings. The semester break rankings were just released and the Spartans were one of five South Central zone teams in the top 10.

Highwood is ranked third, Chestermere is ranked fifth while Holy Trinity and Springbank are ranked eighth and ninth respectively just behind OHS.

Community News

Rural Crime Watch bands together

The Olds, Didsbury, Sundre Rural Crime V Watch Associations are pleased to announce how they are coming together to promote and encourage crime prevention in our communities.
Olds has a relatively new

phone fan-out system and members from the three rural crime watch associations have been loaded onto the database. This is an automated phone,

fax, and e-mail fan-out system. It is a valuable tool for local RCMP detachments, or Fish & Wildlife offices to broadcast information to the members so they can be watchful for certain individuals or vehicles believed to be engaged in suspicious or criminal behaviour.

For example, it can be used to broadcast a warning of a particular vehicle prowling

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Requests for information observations involving illegal hunting, trespassing or other illegal activity which has occurred, or requests to call local authoriwhen suspected illegal activity may be occurring will be invited.

This information will be broadcast to all members but the system will only be used for police or crime prevention committee matters.

We are also encouraging memberships from municipal businesses or individuals to strengthen our network to discourage crime and assist the authorities to quickly individuals apprehend

involved in criminal activi-

Membership in the association is also open to business and residents of the towns who wish to be a part of the crime prevention committee and receive the broadcasts

Membership in the Olds association is \$25 for a 5year term. All memberships will start Jan.1, 2008 and expire December 31, 2010. For an application, call Judy Schlichenmayer at 556-8846.

Crime prevention is all about neighbours looking after neighbours.

Working together we can make our communities a bet-ter place to live! Any information provided must be supplied to the respective enforcement authority involved and although providing witness testimony increases success of conviction, those agencies do provide anonymity should it be requested.

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Colts dump defending champs

BY JOSH SKAPIN Didsbury Revie

The Mountain View Colts will

never see a busier week than the one they completed. Didsbury's Heritage Junior B

Hockey League squad took on a heavy four-game schedule that they hoped would help them gain ground in their chase to catch

the third place Red Deer Vipers. But that would be no easy task The first three in their lineup of opponents included the often-lethal

Okotoks Bisons and two sessions with the defending league champion Blackfalds Wranglers But the locals were able to cap-

ture three of a possible six points, taking a win and a loss against the Wranglers and a tie against the

Their first match of the week was versus the Wranglers in Blackfalds, where the home team took the con-test 5-3 on Tuesday night.

With Colts 'keeper Jason Arnason between the pipers, the Wranglers outshot the Colts 39-26. Kody Wickham, Scott Parker, and

Mike Arnold scored for Didsbury.

Blackfalds' game-winning goal as notched halfway through the third period on a penalty shot.

On the road again, their tilt with the Bisons ended 6-6 on Friday. Arnold and Pat Turville, and Jeff

Clazie picked up two goals each. Evan Miller was in goal for the Colts, kicking aside 45 of the 51

shots sent his way. In their rematch against the Wranglers, the Colts got behind the eight ball early, entering the second

period down 2-0. However, a dominant second period by the Colts where two goals by Arnold and a single by Freeman

took control of the match.

The Colts outshot their opponents 30-29 in the win.

At press time, details of their atch with the Coaldale match Copperheads were not available.

The Colts face the Vipers twice home this week, Jan. 23 and

Didsbury is also expected to tangle with the Rimbey Rock in Didsbury Feb. 2.

Presently, the Colts sit fourth in the Lakes Division with a record of

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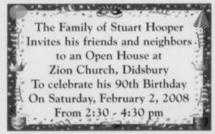
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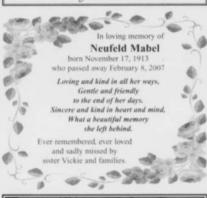


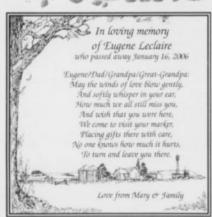
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Single family dwelling, bedroom, over 1200 sq. ft., price includes GST.



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Bedrooms, Large Backyard, double attached garage, investment potential!!!

DIDSBURY

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ADULT DUPLEX

\$289,000 2 bedrooms, 1116 sq. ft., hardwood floors, with a single attached garage, and fully landscaped.

ADULT DUPLEX

\$299,000

Exclusive 1220 sq. ft. duplex

in 45 plus area. 1 bdrms with den, main floor laundry.



FEATURE PROPERTY

EXECUTIVE HOME



Backing onto the golf course. This home boasts ove 2850 sq. ft. total, 4 bedrooms total, huge garage (26 : 24). Comes with 2 fireplaces and great curb appeal Call James Carpenter for more details.



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New construction in The Havenfields, 3 bedrooms, close to school and community centre, over 1800 sq. ft.



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Both sides for sale, both sides have huge double detached garages. Fully finished throughout. One side air-conditioned.



DIDSBURY

FAMILY HOME \$449,900 Over 2800 sq. ft. bi-level, 4 bdrm, triple garage, hard-vood throughout, 11' ceilings



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\$489,000

2.74 Acres, 4 bedrooms over 1350 sq. ft. beautifully treed, large garden.



CARSTAIRS STARTER

\$299,900

3 bedrooms, over 1200 sq. ft. Ensuite, Quiet cres. Large yard, Fully Fenced.



CARSTAIRS

\$349,900
Family home, 3 bedrooms, bungalow style, double attached garage, over 1200 sq. ft. Buy now pick your colors.



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FAMILY **BI-LEVEL**

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double attached garage. and large yard.



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\$359,900 Bi-Level, Over 1400 sq. ft. drooms, Vaulted Cellings, out Basement, Main Floo Laundry, Double Attache Garage, plus much more



ACREAGE

\$569,900 1300+ sq. ft., 4 bdrm home on 15 acres, barn, corrals, quonset, hayland. SE of Didsbury.



ADULT DUPLEX

\$314,900

Exclusive 2 bdrm duplex over 1191 sq' in a 45 plus area, with a fully developed basement.



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